D-157 Thomas Henry Webb House c. 1853 Vienna Private

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Thomas Henry Webb house, also known as the Elizabeth Webb Home Place, also known more recently as the Leonard House, stands at 109 Water Street in the town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1850-60, the two-story, three-bay side hall/double pile frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on northeast/southwest axis. Supported on a low concrete block pier foundation, the exterior is clad with vinyl siding over plain weatherboards, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the front of the house is a hip roofed Colonial Revival porch supported on Tuscan columns. The northeast and southwest gable ends are finished with a gable end pediment. Rising on the southwest gable end is a pair of common bond brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled shoulders. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing. The interior is finished with Greek Revival inspired woodwork. A mid nineteenth century turned newel post and landing posts, support a ramped mahogany handrail, and the stair stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Thomas Henry Webb house, known during the fourth quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as the Leonard house, stands at 109 Water Street facing the Nanticoke River in the town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay side hall/double pile main block, dating to the third quarter of the nineteenth century, is supported on a part brick, part concrete block pier foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding over weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof, finished with enclosed pediments on the northeast and southwest sides, is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The southeast (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by an eight-pane transom and four-light sidelights. The adjacent six-over-six sash windows retain shutter hinge hardware, however, the shutters are no longer extant on the house. Sheltering the first floor is an early twentieth century Tuscan columned front porch covered with a low pitched hip roof. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The base of the gable roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice covered with vinyl sheathing.

The southwest gable end is dominated by a pair of exterior common bond brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled shoulders at the second floor level. Each story is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows, and a single window opening pierces the gable end. The northeast gable end is an asymmetrical façade with a single six-over-six sash window on the first floor and two identical sash light the second floor. The rear (northwest) wall is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay service wing.

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CL 26/419

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to

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ER 3/410

Robert Hart

to

6.20.1815

Hannah Douglas

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Acreage of historical setting Quadrangle name 18,875 square feet

Mardela Springs, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

### 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10/11/2010
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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2.	LOCATION					
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	Water Street					
	Vienna					
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3.	CLASSIFICATION					
	CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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COUNTY Dorchester
TOWN Vienna VICINITY
STREET NO. Water St.

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
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PRESENT USE dwelling
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2. NAME

John Leonard House

DATE OR PERIOD

early 19th cent.

STYLE Federal

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

John Leonard's house in Vienna is a handsome Federal frame townhouse, three bays wide and three bays deep with an "A" roof. Two large brick chimneys rise on the south gable which forms a pediment above the second story. The entrance door has an eight-pane transom and is located on the north side of the east facade. The windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. There is also a simple one-story porch across the facade.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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